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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy to the DCI for the Intelligence Community
Deputy Director for Intelligence
Deputy Director for Plans
Deputy Director for Science & Technology
Deputy Director for Support
General Counsel
Legislative Counsel
Inspector General
Director of National Estimates

SUBJECT : Protection of Classified Information Pending
Issuance of New Agency Regulation

1. The NSC Directive implementing Executive Order 11652 was approved and issued on 17 May. Both of those directives require that each department issue implementing regulations which must receive the prior approval of the Interagency Classification Review Committee, established by E.O. 11652. The Committee itself also was appointed on 17 May and, because of the unavailability of the Chairman, is scheduled to hold its first meeting on 7 June. Further, the new regulation will need to be well known and thoroughly understood by all personnel. For these reasons, it has not been possible to issue an Agency regulation to be effective by 1 June 1972. Pending issuance of the new Agency regulation, therefore, Agency personnel should continue to classify and protect information in accordance with the predecessor Order (E.O. 10501) and existing Agency regulations.

2. The new Order would declassify documents automatically unless action is taken to exempt from automatic declassification. To prevent inappropriate declassification during the period between 1 June and the effective date of our revised regulation, personnel should continue to mark classified documents "GROUP 1, Excluded from automatic downgrading and declassification". Since it has not yet been possible to

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issue our new regulation, I am administratively determining that use of such markings serves to exempt automatic declassification under E.O. 11652.

3. This memorandum will cease to have effect on the date the new Agency regulation becomes effective.

/s/ W. E. Colby

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SUBJECT : Immediate Actions Required Under E.O. 11652

1. As you know from our meeting on 3 June, the revision of the Agency regulation to implement E.O. 11652 and the accompanying NSC Directive is in preparation and will be approved and issued as soon as possible. The several directives require us to initiate pro-grams to orient our employees on the new rules concerning classified information. Also, we are required to furnish our lists of classifiers to the Interagency Classification Review Committee by 1 July.

2. Please take necessary actions on these two items promptly without awaiting issuance of the revised regulation. As we discussed at our meeting, lists should be forwarded to the Deputy Director for Support for compiling. At our meeting we also indicated that Mr. Houston, the CIA member of the Interagency Classification Review Committee, will undertake to make arrangements with that Committee to permit the Committee to review or examine our lists, but only under security arrangements satisfactory to this Agency.

W. E. Colby
Executive Director-Comptroller

cc: General Counsel